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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) Civil No. 07cv2100-DMS(AJB)
)
 11 Plaintiff,) DECLARATION OF AND REQUEST
) FOR CLERK'S ENTRY OF DEFAULT
 12) AS TO THE INTEREST OF JEREMY
) CAO, CRAIG LAKE, AND ALL OTHER
 13 ONE 2006 BENTLEY FLYING SPUR SEDAN,) POTENTIAL CLAIMANTS
 CALIFORNIA LICENSE NO. 5GAG721)
 14 VIN SCBBR53WX6C036543,)
 ITS TOOLS AND APPURTENANCES,)
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 Defendant.)
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17 I, Bruce Smith, Assistant United States Attorney for the
 18 Southern District of California, hereby request a clerk's entry of
 19 default in this case for the following reasons:

20 1. On November 2, 2007, a Complaint for Forfeiture was
 21 filed in the above action in the United States District Court for
 22 the Southern District of California against the above defendant.
 23 On January 11, 2008, the defendant was seized and arrested by the
 24 United States Secret Service, who thereafter took possession and
 25 custody of the defendant, pursuant to the Court's Order appointing
 26 the United States Secret Service as custodian, dated November 5,
 27 2007.

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2. On November 30, December 7, and December 14, 2007, pursuant to Rule G(5), Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime and Asset Forfeiture Claims, notice was published in the San Diego Commerce.

3. On November 5, 2007, a Notice of Complaint and a copy of the Complaint for Forfeiture were sent by certified mail as follows:

<u>Name and address</u>	<u>Article No.</u>	<u>Result</u>
Jeremy Cao 13 Allyssum Rancho Santa Margar, CA 92688	70042510000330174069	Signed for as Received on 11/16/07
Craig Lake 7951 Broadway Lemon Grove, CA 91945	70042510000330174052	Signed for as Received on 11/07/07

From the time of said notice, no claim or answer has been filed by anyone regarding the above-named defendant.

For the foregoing reasons, it is requested that the Clerk of the Court enter a default against the interest of Jeremy Cao, Craig Lake and all other potential claimants regarding the above mentioned defendant.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED: January 30, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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